

I urge the Commission to deny any modification of Part 15 to accommodate BPL. In fact, I would urge the Commission to deny BPL entirely.

The Commission has been very supportive of resolving interference problems to the Amateur Radio Service from Power Utilities in the past and I wonder if the Commission would be so inclined to resolving interference problems from BPL which has a much greater potential for interference?

The Amateur Service typically works on very small signal levels and the high level of interference potential of BPL could effectively render the service unusable. It is well known by the Commission that the Amateur Service has and does provide emergency communications when the public and private infrastructures fail. The inability to receive weak signals from disaster areas would nullify this ability.

The Amateur Service is a great resource to this Country and offers its service free of charge under any conditions. To forsake the Amateur Radio Service in favor the Big Money interests would be a mistake that would be realized only after it is far too late. In the wake of the terrorist attack of 9-11, I would hope that the Commission will recognize the vast pool of resources available through the more than 600,000 Amateur Radio Operators in this Country and how foolish it would be to throw that away.

Respectfully,  
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